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ANDROGEN RECEPTOR MODULATORS

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that you note the attached Supplemental Notice of Allowability issued by Examiner Charanjit S. Aulakh for the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,

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1. This communication is responsive to 312 amendment filed on Oct. 6, 2006.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20, 42, 44, 45, 48 and 49.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
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 - c) None
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Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
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7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
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DETAILED ACTION

1. According to paper filed on Oct. 6, 2006, the applicants have filed 312 amendment after notice of allowance. According to this amendment, the applicants have amended claim 3 and furthermore, have added new claims 42-49.
2. Claims 1-20 and 42-49 are now pending in the application.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. The following amendment is pursuant to a telephone conversation with the applicant's attorney, Ms. Patricia A. Shatynski on Nov. 20, 2006. The following changes have been made in claims:

Cancel claims 43, 46 and 47.

In claim 42, line 1, change the dependency upon claim 17 by deleting -18 --- and inserting ---17---after claim and furthermore, delete first compound -----N-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)-2-fluoro-4-methyl-3-oxo-4-aza-5 alpha-androst-1-en-17 beta-carboxamide,

4. Claims 1-20, 42, 44, 45, 48 and 49, renumbered as claims 1-25, are allowed since the newly submitted claims (directed to specific compounds) are part of previously allowed claim 17 and therefore, do not affect the patentability of allowed claims.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charanjit S. Aulakh whose telephone number is (571)272-0678. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

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